

PETITION -- HOUSE**CHIEF SPONSOR:****Representative WOLF of CAMBRIDGE**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

PETITIONERS: LEGISLATOR/CITIZEN	DISTRICT/FULL MAILING ADDRESS
Alice K. Wolf	25 th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10 th Suffolk
Deborah D. Blumer	6 th Middlesex
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34 th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18 th Middlesex
James B. Leary	14 th Worcester
Michael A. Costello	1 st Essex
Frank M. Hynes	4 th Plymouth
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26 th Middlesex
Patricia A. Haddad	5 th Bristol
Douglas W. Petersen	8 th Essex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11 th Suffolk
Bruce E. Tarr	1 st Essex & Middlesex
Ellen Story	3 rd Hampshire
Frank I. Smizik	15 th Norfolk
Stephen P. LeDuc	4 th Middlesex
David Paul Linsky	5 th Middlesex
Karen E. Spilka	2 nd Middlesex & Norfolk
Louis L. Kafka	8 th Norfolk
Stephen Kulik	1 st Franklin
Martin J. Walsh	13 th Suffolk
Anne M. Paulsen	24 th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2 nd Hampshire
Anne M. Gobi	5 th Worcester
Thomas M. Stanley	9 th Middlesex
Steven M. Walsh	11 th Essex
Jeffrey Sánchez	15 th Suffolk

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE PROFESSIONALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

The board of higher education shall, subject to appropriation, establish a program to provide grants to residents of the commonwealth who are working in private, public, or not for profit settings as early childhood education and care professionals in the commonwealth while pursuing an associate's degree or bachelor's degree in early childhood education and care at a public college or university in the commonwealth, or while pursuing a bachelor's degree at a public college or university in the commonwealth in order to become a certified teacher in the commonwealth. Eligibility shall be limited to persons (a) who have worked as an early childhood education and care professional in public, private and not for profit settings in the commonwealth for a minimum of 2 years before receipt of such grant, and (b) who are enrolled in and pursuing courses of study that will lead to associate's or bachelor's degree as an early childhood education and care professional, or certification as a teacher, and (c) who commit to teach in an early childhood education and care and actually work in early childhood education and care for such period as the board of higher education may determine upon graduation. The board of higher education shall establish guidelines governing implementation of the program. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) the level of academic achievement grant recipients must maintain while participating in the grant program; (ii) the financial responsibilities of grant recipients should they fail to complete their course requirements; and (iii) the duties and obligations of grant recipients upon graduation, including the minimum number of years that they shall be required to work in early childhood education and care in the commonwealth. Such grants shall be used to defray the cost of tuition and fees at a public college or university in the commonwealth.